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Selected from a pool of interested applicants, an Iowa couple has become the first to get married at the Denny's wedding chapel in Las Vegas. Nancy Levandowski and Steve Keller tied the knot Wednesday evening while some well-wishers sat in booths and restaurant patrons ate dinner nearby. (AP)

#### CLAWS ARE OUT

### "You've GOT to be kitten me! [But] we're not surprised by a 'copy cat.'"

— **ANIMAL PLANET STATEMENT**, UPON FINDING OUT THAT THE HALLMARK CHANNEL WILL AIR A THREE-HOUR "KITTEN BOWL" SPECIAL ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, WHICH WILL COMPETE AGAINST ANIMAL PLANET'S PUPPY BOWL, EW.COM REPORTED FRIDAY. FOR DETAILS ON THE NEW SHOW, SEE PAGE 12.

#### BIASES

### Gas-Guzzling Lawn Mowers Seek Legal Representation

Paris City Hall has hired a small flock of sheep to mow the lawn at the city's gardens, replacing gas-guzzling lawn mowers. Four woolly ewes are munching the grass surrounding the Paris Archives building. The four-legged workers munch day and night — oblivious to France's strict 35-hour work week. A similar experiment in a park outside Paris found that sheep droppings were a benefit, bringing swallows back to the area. (AP)

## The Big Picture



**OK, OK, YOU WIN:** Revelers take part Saturday in a giant pillow fight in Trafalgar Square in London on International Pillow Fight Day. Mass pillow fights were arranged in numerous cities around the world — including the District — as part of the "Urban Playground Movement," which facilitates free, public, noncommercial events.



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## THIS WEEK

### Posthumous Medal Given

A posthumous Medal of Honor will be given Thursday to Emil J. Kapua, a Korean War Army chaplain who ministered and gave medical attention to soldiers under heavy fire during combat.



### Kerry in the Middle East

Secretary of State John Kerry heads to the Middle East to meet with Israeli and Palestinian leaders today and Tuesday; he then is scheduled to go to London.

### Election in Venezuela

The presidential election for Hugo Chavez's successor is Sunday. Nicolas Maduro, who was sworn in as acting president after Chavez died, will face Henrique Capriles.

## Nation

# Immigration Bill Nears Completion

Schumer: Measure could be wrapped up as early as this week

### Washington

A raucous public debate over the nation's flawed immigration system is set to begin in earnest this week as senators finalize a bipartisan bill to secure the border, allow tens of thousands of foreign workers into the country and grant eventual citizenship to the estimated 11 million people living here illegally.

Already negotiators are cautioning of struggles ahead for an issue that's defied resolution for years. An immigration deal came close on the Senate floor in 2007 but collapsed amid interest-group bickering and an angry public backlash.

"There will be a great deal of unhappiness about this proposal because everybody didn't get what they wanted," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a leader of the eight senators negotiating the legislation, said Sunday. "There are entrenched positions on both sides of this issue."

"There's a long road," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., appearing alongside McCain on CBS' "Face the Nation." "There are people on both sides who are against this bill, and they will be able to shoot at it."

Schumer, McCain and their "Gang



Immigration reform advocates rally Saturday in Jersey City, N.J., to urge Congress to find a path to American citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants in the U.S.



### Rubio — GOP 'Game Changer'?

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., on Sunday praised Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., at left, a member of the "Gang of Eight" who's acted as a bridge to conservatives but also has kept people guessing about whether he'll ultimately support the bill. "Marco Rubio has been a game changer in my party. He will be there only if the Democrats will embrace a guest-worker program and a merit-based immigration system to replace the broken one," Graham said on NBC's "Meet the Press." (AP)

### Meanwhile ...

Two lawmakers involved in writing a bipartisan immigration bill in the House, Reps. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., and Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., sounded optimistic that they, too, would have a deal soon that could be reconciled with the Senate agreement. "I am very, very optimistic that the House of Representatives is going to have a plan that is going to be able to go to a conference with the Senate in which we're going to be able to resolve this," Gutierrez said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." (AP)

of Eight" already missed a self-imposed deadline to have their bill ready in March, but Schumer said he hopes that this week it will happen.

Sticking points remain, but overall, all involved are optimistic that the time is ripe to make the biggest changes to the nation's immigration laws in more than a quarter-century. For many Republicans, their loss in the November presidential election, when Latino and Asians voters backed President Barack Obama in big numbers, resonates as evidence that they must confront the immigration issue.

"Every corner of the Republican Party ... is now understanding there has to be an earned pathway to citizenship," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. ERICA WERNER (AP)

## White House: GOP Must Cooperate on Budget

Aide warns against 'my way or the highway' approach

### Washington

The White House on Sunday warned Republicans that a "my way or the highway" approach would spell the GOP's defeat in upcoming budget negotiations and told its Democratic allies that they, too, will have to bend on President

Barack Obama's delayed spending plan set to be released this week.

White House senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer said the White House was willing to work with rank-and-file Republicans to come up with an outline that both jump-starts the economy and reduces the nation's red ink. Yet Pfeiffer also told the GOP that stubbornness among their party's leadership would only yield public embarrassment akin to the kind the GOP faced last year when voters rejected Republican

### Backstory

President Barack Obama is set to formally release his budget outline Wednesday morning. Its delay from February, then to March and now to April has left lawmakers in the Republican-led House and Democratic-controlled Senate to write their own budget proposals and move ahead without a concrete plan from Obama's economic team. (AP)

presidential nominee Mitt Romney's economic proposals and gave Obama a second term.

"Right now, the approach of many Republicans — particularly the leadership in the House — is my way or the highway," Pfeiffer said.

But he also warned Democrats who are wary of some of the president's cuts that they, too, will have to sacrifice: "Compromise means there are going to be some folks on both sides who are not happy."

PHILIP ELLIOTT (AP)

### Hearsay

**"Wayne [LaPierre] reminds me of the clowns at the circus. They get the most attention, and that's what he's paid to do."**

— CONNECTICUT GOV. DAN MALLOY, REFERRING TO THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION LEADER SUNDAY ON "STATE OF THE UNION." LAPIERRE SAID LAST WEEK THAT THE STATE'S NEW GUN-CONTROL LAWS WOULDN'T HAVE PREVENTED THE NEWTOWN MASSACRE.

### DC AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY

Area teachers wanted to share their teaching experiences that will assist in learning about teachers' issues, values, ethics and decision-making processes. If you teach and are within the ages 18-65, you are invited to participate in a 1 to 2 hour interview.

Your rights will be protected to include the nature, purpose and risk. You can withdraw from the study at any time. Contact Shelly, an Education Psychology PhD student at Capella University for any questions you have about the research at 202-997-4994.

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT VACCINES!

The Maryland Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland is trying to learn more about what you think about flu vaccines and vaccines for other illnesses. We are inviting Black/African-American and White people who were born in the U.S., speak English and are over 18 to participate in a 90 minute group discussion. You will be paid \$50 for your time and light snacks will be served. We will NOT be giving vaccines.

To join the study or to ask questions, contact Sandra Crouse Quinn, Ph.D. or a research staff member at [vaccinestudy@umd.edu](mailto:vaccinestudy@umd.edu) or 301-405-1464. <http://www.healthequity.umd.edu/vaccine.asp> <http://tinyurl.com/umdvaccinestudy> IRBNet ID: 367080



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### 1 TOPEKA, KAN.

#### Sweeping Anti-Abortion Bill Sent to Kan. Governor

Kansas legislators passed a sweeping anti-abortion measure Friday, sending Gov. Sam Brownback a bill that declares life begins "at fertilization" while blocking tax breaks for abortion providers and banning abortions performed solely because of the baby's sex. (AP)

### 2 LAKE FOREST, CALIF.

#### Pastor Rick Warren's Son Commits Suicide

Popular evangelical Pastor Rick Warren asked members of his California church for prayers as he and his family cope with the apparent suicide of his 27-year-old son. The church said Saturday that Matthew Warren took his own life after a long struggle with mental illness. (AP)

### 3 JOHANNESBURG

#### Mandela Out of Hospital

Former South African President Nelson Mandela was discharged from a hospital Saturday following treatment for pneumonia, the presidency announced. The news cheered South Africans who had waited tensely for health updates on the beloved 94-year-old anti-apartheid leader. (AP)



PETER TOBIA/AP

### 4 Fireman Killed in Philly

Philadelphia firefighters mourned the loss of one of their own in the line of duty for the third time in less than a year after a veteran captain was killed Saturday when a three-story building collapsed under him during a blaze. The fire was in the city's Fabric Row section. (AP)



### 5 "He fully recognizes the challenge women continue to face in the workplace and that they should not be judged based on appearance."

— WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY **JAY CARNEY**, REPORTING FRIDAY THAT PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA HAD APOLOGIZED TO CALIFORNIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS AFTER CALLING HER "BY FAR, THE BEST LOOKING ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE COUNTRY"

### 6 JACKSON, MISS.

#### Officer Killed While Interrogating Suspect

A murder suspect shot and killed a Jackson, Miss., homicide detective late Thursday inside a police interrogation room before killing himself. A source reported Saturday that Jeremy Powell was not handcuffed during questioning and took Eric Smith's gun, shooting the veteran detective four times. (AP)

### 7 WEST BERLIN, N.J.

## \$2.1M

**The amount** a rare 1909 baseball card of Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop Honus Wagner sold for in West Berlin, N.J., according to CNN. The "Holy Grail" of baseball cards drew a record bid, a N.J. auction house said Saturday. (EXPRESS)

### 8 JAKARTA, INDONESIA

#### No Reports of Damage After 7.1 Earthquake Hits

A 7.1 magnitude earthquake hit a remote part of Indonesia on Saturday, causing residents to run outside in panic, but there were no reports of damage or injuries. The temblor struck about 47 miles underground in Papua province in a mountainous area. There was no tsunami warning issued. (AP)



# Afghanistan's Long-Term Threat

**U.S. general: Taliban likely to remain after troop withdrawal**

## Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan

The United States accepts that a diminished but resilient Taliban is likely to remain a military threat in some parts of Afghanistan long after U.S. troops complete their combat mission next year, the top U.S. military officer said Sunday.

At this air field north of Kabul, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he is cautiously optimistic that the Afghan army will hold its own against the insurgency as Western troops pull back and Afghans assume the lead combat

## A VIOLENT WEEKEND IN AFGHANISTAN

### Children Believed Dead in Airstrikes

A fierce battle between U.S.-backed Afghan forces and Taliban militants in a remote corner of eastern Afghanistan left nearly 20 people dead, including an American civilian adviser and 11 Afghan children killed in an airstrike, officials said Sunday. The U.S.-led coalition confirmed that it launched airstrikes, stressing that they were requested by international forces. The coalition said it was assessing the incident but could not confirm that civilians were killed. (AP)



### U.S. Diplomat Killed in Attack

Two American civilians and three U.S. troops were killed in two attacks in Afghanistan on Saturday, officials said, including a powerful blast that struck officials traveling to a school to donate books. Among the dead was Anne Smedinghoff, the first State Department diplomat to be killed in the country since the war began. She is also the first American diplomat to die on the job since last year's attack on the U.S. diplomatic installation in Benghazi, Libya. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

role. He said that by May or June, the Afghans will be in the lead throughout the country.

Asked whether some parts of

the country will remain contested by the Taliban, he replied, "Yes, of course there will be.

"And if we were having this

conversation 10 years from now, I suspect there would [still] be contested areas because the history of Afghanistan suggests that there will always be contested areas," he said.

Dempsey and other U.S. commanders have said that ultimately the Afghans must reach some sort of political accommodation with the insurgents and that a reconciliation process needs to be led by Afghans, not Americans. Thus the No. 1 priority for the U.S. military is to do all that is possible to boost the strength of Afghan forces.

There are now about 66,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. That number is to drop to about 32,000 by February 2014, and the combat mission is to end in December 2014. Whether some number — perhaps 9,000 or 10,000 — remain into 2015 is yet to be decided. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

## In Brief

### SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

#### South: N. Korea May Be Preparing to Test Missile

A top South Korean national security official said Sunday that North Korea may be setting the stage for a missile test or another provocative act with its warning that it soon will be unable to guarantee diplomats' safety in Pyongyang. But he added that the North's clearest objective is to extract concessions from Washington and Seoul. (AP)

### NEW DELHI

#### 9 Arrested in Deadly India Building Collapse

Police said Sunday they've arrested nine people, including two builders, police officers and municipality officials, for colluding to illegally construct a residential building in Mumbai that collapsed, killing 74 people. The nine will be formally charged at the end of a probe. (AP)

### BEIRUT

#### Syrian Regime Launches Effort, Reclaims Village

After weeks of rebel gains in the south, the Syrian regime launched a counteroffensive on Sunday with widespread airstrikes and an operation that reclaimed a northern village on a strategically important route. At least 20 people were killed in heavy airstrikes. The government warned in text messages that the army is "coming to get you." (AP)

## China Reports 3 More Cases Of New Bird Flu

### Beijing

China reported three more cases of human infection of a new strain of bird flu on Sunday, raising the total number of cases to 21.

Six of those who contracted the H7N9 virus have died. All 21 cases have been reported in the eastern part of the country.

Health officials believe people are contracting the virus through direct contact with infected fowl and say there's no evidence the virus is spreading easily among people.

Shanghai has been ordered by the agriculture ministry to halt its live poultry trade and slaughter all fowl in markets where the virus has been found. (AP)

## Weekend Violence Spurs More Clashes in Cairo



**EGYPTIAN CHRISTIANS CHANT** anti-Muslim Brotherhood slogans Sunday during a funeral service at the St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Cairo. Christians angered by the killing of four Christians in weekend sectarian violence clashed Sunday with a mob throwing rocks and firebombs, killing one and turning Cairo's main Coptic cathedral into a battleground.

## Hearsay

**"No one should be allowed to throw a region and even the whole world into chaos for selfish gains."**

— **CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING**, AT AN ECONOMIC FORUM IN HAINAN PROVINCE ON SUNDAY. ALTHOUGH HE AVOIDED MENTIONING NORTH KOREA BY NAME, XI'S STATEMENT APPEARED TO BE A VEILED CRITICISM OF RECENT THREATS BY NORTH KOREA, CHINA'S LONGTIME ALLY.

**New Workweek:** Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos bin Said, said the country is switching to a Friday-Saturday weekend to align its banking and business days with most other nations in the region. Currently, Oman and neighboring Saudi Arabia follow a Thursday-Friday weekend. But other countries in the Gulf start their two-day weekends on Friday, the Muslim day of prayer. The new weekend decree will take effect May 1. (AP)







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## Metro Terra NoVa

As the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project emerges from its construction cocoon this year, it will become evident the project is more than steel rails linking Metro's East Falls Church station with a terminal in the Reston area. This is a whole new transportation system, shaking up the way people get around Northern Virginia. ROBERT THOMSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

### Construction

Project managers say the job is almost 90 percent done. The pedestrian bridges have been installed over Routes 123 and 7 and over the toll road. Much of the remaining work focuses on the five new stations, four of which are in Tysons Corner.

Project officials say they expect to turn the line over to Metro in late summer so that transit staffers can do their testing before the line opens.

### Preparing Commuters

The Silver Line will have some effect on most other methods of travel in Northern Virginia. Last year, Metro reduced service on the Blue Line to make room for the Silver Line trains that will be heading through Rosslyn into downtown Washington and Maryland, and more changes are coming.

Some commuters who live on the west side of the D.C. region will head for the new parking garage under construction north of the

Wiehle Avenue station rather than drive to Orange Line stations such as West Falls Church.

Metrobus 5A to Dulles Airport will remain unchanged. The Washington Flyer buses will move from West Falls Church to the Wiehle Avenue station.

### Effect on Metrorail

The addition of the Silver Line will mean that three lines will be sharing an east-west tunnel through downtown Washington.

Metrorail is planning to operate on this schedule:

► **Silver:** Trains will run between Wiehle Avenue and Largo Town Center every six minutes at peak periods and every 12 minutes midday.

► **Orange:** Trains will run between Vienna and New Carrollton every six minutes at peak periods and every 12 minutes midday.

► **Blue:** Trains will run between Franconia-Springfield and Largo Town Center every 12 minutes at peak periods and midday.

► **Green:** Trains will run between Greenbelt and Branch Avenue every six minutes at peak periods and every 12 minutes midday.

► **Yellow A:** Trains will run between Huntington and Mount Vernon every six minutes at peak periods. This is a rush-hour-only service.

► **Yellow B:** Trains will run between Huntington and Fort Totten every 12 minutes. This is an off-peak service.

► **Yellow Plus:** Trains will run between Franconia-Springfield and Greenbelt every 12 minutes at peak periods.

► **Red:** Trains will run between Shady Grove and Glenmont every three to six minutes during peak periods and every six to 12 minutes midday.



**Off the Rails:** An out-of-service Red Line train derailed Saturday evening between the NoMa-Gallaudet U and Rhode Island Avenue stations as it was leaving the Brentwood rail yard, Metro officials said Sunday. The incident occurred around 6:45 p.m. as the train was going at a low speed within the rail yard, Metro officials said. There were no passengers aboard the train and no reports of injuries, they said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



# Md. Passes School Overhaul Bill

Pr. George's executive poised to get more control over system

Annapolis, Md.

Maryland lawmakers gave final approval Saturday to a bill restructuring the Prince George's County school system, clearing one of the last remaining marquee measures from their agenda in advance of today's planned adjournment.

The bill, which now heads to

the governor, would give Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker III more authority but stops well short of the complete takeover he sought.

The 81 to 45 vote in the House of Delegates came amid debate on scores of bills as lawmakers moved to wrap up the legislative session.

This year's relatively clear path to adjournment stands in marked contrast to the situation a year ago, when brinkmanship over the state budget and gambling legislation led to the session's collapse on an

acrimonious final night.

The House vote Saturday to give Baker partial control over Maryland's second-largest school system followed several days of give-and-take behind the scenes.

Several key lawmakers balked at Baker's initial request to put him, rather than an elected school board, in charge of the superintendent and the system's \$1.7 billion budget.

The compromise measure, approved last week by the Senate, would allow Baker to select the superintendent, appoint three

members to the school board and name the board chair and vice chair. Baker said the compromise plan was a step in the right direction for the struggling system.

"It puts more accountability on our office," he said.

Only one delegate from Prince George's — Aisha Braveboy — voted against the bill. The school board and teachers union in Prince George's vehemently fought against the plan, contending that the action was too drastic. JOHN WAGNER AND OVETTA WIGGINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Hearsay

**"We've made a conscious effort not to repeat what occurred last year ... It's like the Age of Aquarius. Everything came together."**



— THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER JR., PRESIDENT OF THE MD. SENATE, ON ONE OF THE BUSIEST LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN YEARS

# Va. Man's Holocaust Story Lives On

Springfield, Va.

Today is national Holocaust Remembrance Day. For Charles Stein of Springfield, Va., who escaped Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938, that day is also Feb. 28. That is the day, in 1942, that his parents were killed by the Nazis.

The rest of the year, Stein works as a volunteer at the Holocaust Museum and, at age 93, still travels the country telling his dramatic story. A story that not only involved frequent run-ins with Nazi occupiers in Austria, but also his journey to America, his entry into the U.S. Army shortly before this country entered World War II, and his role at Normandy on D-Day in 1944.

"Considering that when I was 19 I didn't think I would make it to 20, and now I'm 93 and I'm still talking? Unbelievable," Stein said recently.

Stein managed to get a visa from the Luxembourg embassy and fled Austria in 1938, leaving his parents behind. He then connected with a relative in New York and emigrated to the United States.

After the war's end, Stein connected with an organization that tried to track Jewish prisoners in the hopes of locating his family. He learned that his parents had been deported to Lodz, Poland, but



Charles Stein, 93, fled the Nazis in 1938 and continues to tell others his story.

**"There isn't a day goes by that I don't think about my parents and the rest of my family."**

— CHARLES STEIN, WHO SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST AFTER ESCAPING AUSTRIA

didn't appear on any survivor lists.

In the summer of 1993, Stein read that the Holocaust Museum was looking for volunteers, and he has worked in Visitor Services ever since.

In 1995, he made an appointment with the museum's archivist and asked whether the museum

had any information about the Lodz ghetto. Stein learned that investigators had recently recovered German records from the Polish army and was given five large volumes.

In there, a son finally discovered the fate of his parents. In January of 1942, Austrians in Lodz were being selected for "work" and placed in large windowless vans. Stein saw that his parents were placed in such a van and taken to the Chelmno extermination camp, where they were fatally gassed on Feb. 28, 1942.

"My mother was 48, my father was 58," Stein said. "Every February 28, I light a candle."

TOM JACKMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## The Lotteries

Sunday, April 7

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Mid-day Cash 5 ..... 2-5-7-8-12

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# Flight Complaints Take Off

Researchers fault smaller seats and overbooked planes for uptick in irritation

Washington

Airline passengers are getting grumpier, and it's little wonder.

Airlines keep shrinking the size of seats to stuff more people onto planes. Empty middle seats that once provided a bit more room are more frequently occupied. And more people with tickets are being turned away because flights are overbooked.

Passenger complaints to the Department of Transportation surged to 11,445 in 2012, up one-fifth from the previous year, according to a private analysis of federal data tracking the performance of 14 airlines. The report, set for release today, also showed a rise in the rate of complaints per 100,000 passengers — from 1.19 in 2011 to 1.43 last year.

"The way airlines have taken 130-seat airplanes and expanded them to 150 seats to squeeze out more revenue I think is finally catching up with them," said Dean Headley, a business professor at Wichita State University who has co-written the annual report for 23 years.

"People are saying, 'Look, I don't fit here. Do something about this.' At some point airlines can't keep shrinking seats to put more people into the same tube," he said.

In recent years, some airlines have shifted to larger planes that can carry more people, but that hasn't been enough to make up for an overall reduction in flights.

The rate at which passengers with tickets were denied seats because planes were full rose to 0.97 denials per 10,000 passengers last year, compared with 0.78 in 2011.



United Airlines passengers attempt to access the self check-in computers at Los Angeles International Airport.

In the past, when flights were overbooked, airlines could find a volunteer to give up a seat in exchange for compensation with the expectation of catching a flight later. Not anymore.

"Since flights are so full, there are no seats on those next flights. So people say, 'No, not for \$500, not for \$1,000,'" said airline industry analyst Robert W. Mann Jr.

Regional carrier SkyWest had the highest rate of involuntary denied boardings last year, 2.32 per 10,000 passengers. JetBlue and Virgin America were the industry leaders in avoiding denied boardings, with rates of 0.01 and 0.07, respectively.

Consumer complaints were significantly higher in the peak summer travel months of June, July and August when planes are especially



## The Next Step?

### Tinier Toilets

Delta plans to be among the first airlines to install smaller coach-cabin lavatories to allow for four more coach seats on planes, according to The Wall Street Journal. Delta says the new loos are only slightly smaller and won't be noticeably different. Space is taken from the wall behind the sink and an exterior wall is sculpted to allow seats in front of it to recline. (EXPRESS)

### Heftier Fares

Last week, tiny Samoa Air began charging for international flights from American Samoa based on the weight of its passengers and their bags. Each kilogram (2.2 pounds) costs between 93 cents and \$1.06, depending on the flight. The average American man weighing 195 pounds with a 35-pound bag would pay \$97 to go one way between Apia, Samoa, and Pago Pago, American Samoa. (AP)

## Ranking Airline Complaints

Here's how airlines stacked up in 2012 based on the rate of complaints to the Department of Transportation per 100,000 passengers. (AP)

### The Worst



**4.24**

**United Airlines**  
(up from 2.21 in 2011)



**1.8**

**American** (up from 1.46 in 2011)



**1.74**

**US Airways**  
(down from 1.91 in 2011)

### The Best



**0.25**

**Southwest**  
(down from 0.32 in 2011)



**0.51**

**Alaska Airlines**  
(up from 0.48 in 2011)



**0.73**

**Delta**  
(down from 1.23 in 2011)

crowded. "As airplanes get fuller, complaints get higher because people just don't like to be sardines," Mann said.

The complaints are considered an indicator of a larger problem since many passengers may not file directly with the Transportation Department, which regulates airlines.

The report studied data from 14 airlines: Air Tran, Alaska, American, American Eagle, Delta, ExpressJet, Frontier, Hawaiian, JetBlue, SkyWest, Southwest, United, US Airways and Virgin America.

JOAN LOWY (AP)



# Sports

## In Brief

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### FBI Investigates Possible Extortion at Rutgers

The FBI is investigating whether a former Rutgers basketball employee tried to extort the university before he made videos that showed ex-coach Mike Rice shoving and kicking players and berating them with gay slurs. A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Sunday that investigators are interested in Eric Murdock, who left his job as the men's basketball program's player development director last year and later provided the video to university officials and ESPN. (AP)

### NBA

#### Knicks Win 12th Straight

Carmelo Anthony had 36 points and 12 rebounds, J.R. Smith hit a pair of shot-clock beaters in the final 2 minutes and the New York Knicks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 125-120 on Sunday for their 12th straight win. Kevin Durant scored 27, falling behind Anthony in the NBA scoring race. (AP)

### MLB

#### Twins Rally to Top Orioles

Aaron Hicks ended an 0-for-13 skid with a tiebreaking RBI single in a two-run seventh inning, rallying the Minnesota Twins past the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 on Sunday. J.J. Hardy homered for the Orioles, who dropped the final two games of the weekend set. (AP)

## TV Lineup

**ORIOLES (2:05 P.M., MASN)** Baltimore heads to Fenway Park to open a three-game series vs. the Red Sox.

**MLB (7 P.M., ESPN)** The Mets' 24-year-old Matt Harvey allowed one hit in seven scoreless innings in his first start of the year. He'll try to repeat that performance vs. the Phillies.

**NHL (7 P.M., NHLN)** The Bruins are right behind the Canadiens for the Northeast Division lead. Boston hosts the Hurricanes tonight at TD Garden.

### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



Michigan's Trey Burke (18.5 points a game) won national player of the year. The dynamic point guard will face Russ Smith (18.9 points a game) and the Cardinals tonight.



# Two Guarded Approaches

Michigan, Louisville both rely heavily on loaded backcourts

### NCAA Tournament

Tonight's NCAA championship pairs two teams that aren't exactly mirror images of each other, but they sure aren't opposites, either.

Here's a look at the teams that will play for the national title, a prize neither school has brought home since the late 1980s:

#### Backcourt

Michigan comes at you with a young team that feeds off national player of the year Trey Burke. If there is a knock on the sophomore it's his inconsistency. In the five tournament games, he has ranged from six points to 23.

Russ Smith and Peyton Siva dominate the minutes for the Cardinals in the backcourt, and they



are the core of the pressure defense that wears down opponents.

**Edge: Louisville**

#### Frontcourt

Mitch McGary is working his way into Michigan lore with an incredible NCAA tournament. The freshman forward has averaged 16.0 points and 11.6 rebounds while shooting 69.8 percent from the field in the past five games.

Louisville's big man in the middle, Gorgui Deing, has to bounce back from a scoreless semifinal.

**Edge: Michigan**

#### Coach

Michigan's John Beilein, in his first Final Four, is considered among the top coaches in the country, and his teams reflect his demeanor on the

### By the Numbers

**5** Straight games Michigan freshman Mitch McGary has scored 10 or more points. He reached double digits only seven times before the NCAA tournament.

**41** Amount of 3-pointers made by the Wolverines in five NCAA tournament games.

**56** Steals by the Cardinals in the tournament, an average of 11.2 per game.

**15** Straight wins by Louisville. The Cardinals' last loss was to Notre Dame on Feb. 9, when they suffered a 104-101 five-overtime defeat. (EXPRESS)

sideline: calm and in control.

Rick Pitino is trying to become the first coach to win a national championship at two schools, having won it all with Kentucky in 1996.

**Edge: Louisville**

#### Intangibles

Michigan's past two championship game appearances were losses, the second of which ended with Chris Webber calling a timeout the Wolverines didn't have in a tight game against North Carolina.

Louisville has inspiration sitting on its bench in Kevin Ware. Just a week after the country saw his horrific injury in the regional final, he is on crutches and with his teammates in his home state.

**Edge: Louisville**

#### The Pick

The difference should be Louisville's relentless pressure. The Cardinals will end the season on a 16-game winning streak. JIM O'CONNELL (AP)



# Reds' Ace Trumps Strasburg, Nats

Washington rightly allows 6 earned runs in loss to Cincinnati

## Nationals

Johnny Cueto outlasted Stephen Strasburg in a highly anticipated matchup of young aces and Jay Bruce drove in three runs as the Cincinnati Reds wrapped up an impressive opening week homestand with a 6-3 win over the

Washington Nationals on Sunday.

Cueto needed 108 pitches to get through six innings, allowing seven hits and three runs. He

walked three and struck out six. Aroldis Chapman allowed one hit and had two strikeouts in the ninth for his second save.

Strasburg (1-1) allowed nine hits and six runs with four walks and five strikeouts in 5½ innings. He threw 114 pitches, 73 for strikes.

Bruce, Shin-Soo Choo, Xavier

## Strasburg Unlimited

Stephen Strasburg struggled Sunday, but his performance did prove the Nats won't be limiting their ace this season. He threw 114 pitches, the second-most in a game in his career. (EXPRESS)

**1. June 8, 2012, vs. Red Sox**  
119 pitches, 6.0 IP, 2 ER, 4 H, 13 Ks

**2. Sunday vs. Reds**  
114 pitches, 5.1 IP, 6 ER, 9 H, 5 Ks

**3. June 20, 2012, vs. Rays**  
111 pitches, 7.0 IP, 2 ER, 5 H, 10 Ks

**4. April 11, 2012, vs. Mets**  
108 pitches, 6.0 IP, 0 ER, 2 H, 9 Ks

**5. July 6, 2012, vs. Rockies**  
107 pitches, 6.0 IP, 2 ER, 8 H, 6 Ks

Paul and Brandon Phillips each had two hits to back Cueto (1-0) and help the Reds win the rubber match of their three-game series with Washington. They finished 4-2 at home against the Nationals and Los Angeles Angels, two teams expected to contend this season for postseason berths.

The Reds knocked Strasburg



Stephen Strasburg was pulled in the sixth inning in the Nats' loss Sunday.

out with a three-run sixth. Rookie Derrick Robinson led off with his first major league hit.

Robinson went to third on Choo's single to center and slid across the plate with the go-ahead run just ahead of second baseman Danny Espinosa's throw on Paul's fielder's choice.

Both runners moved up on Joey Votto's chopper to Strasburg, and Phillips singled to left through the drawn-in infield to drive in Paul and end Strasburg's day.

Strasburg allowed as many hits in the first inning Sunday as he did while throwing seven shut-out innings against Miami during a 2-0 win in Washington's opener on April 1. Four straight runners reached base, including Paul and Phillips with infield singles and Bruce with a bases-loaded, two-run double. Phillips scored the Reds' third run of the inning on Todd Frazier's groundout.

The Nationals immediately tied the score in the second on Kurt Suzuki's three-run homer into the left field seats. MARK SCHMETZER (AP)

## On Deck

## Nats vs. White Sox

**TUESDAY** 7:05 P.M., MASN



**Gio Gonzalez**  
1-0, 0.00 ERA



**Jake Peavy**  
1-0, 1.50 ERA

**WEDNESDAY** 7:05 P.M., MASN2



**J. Zimmermann**  
1-0, 1.50 ERA



**Gavin Floyd**  
0-1, 3.00 ERA

**THURSDAY** 7:05 P.M., MASN2



**Dan Haren**  
0-1, 13.50 ERA



**Jose Quintana**  
0-0, 11.25 ERA

## Who's Hot?

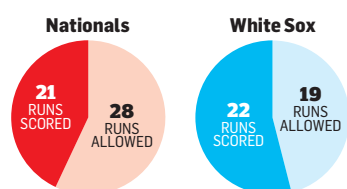
**Nats catchers:** Wilson Ramos and Kurt Suzuki hit three homers in two games.

## Who's Not?

**Paul Konerko, White Sox:** The career .283 hitter is just 2-for-20 this year.

## How They Match Up

THROUGH SUNDAY'S GAMES



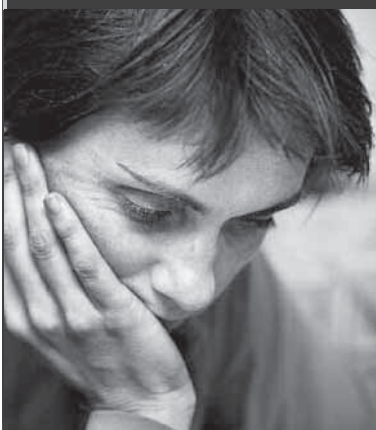
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**Errors (MLB rank)**

Nationals	7 (T-29th)
White Sox	7 (T-29th)

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**Babies on Board**  
Jessica Simpson plans to wed a month after birthing second kid **23**



## Weekend Box Office

1. **Evil Dead**  
**\$26M** NEW
2. **G.I. Joe Retaliation**  
**\$21.1M** LW:1
3. **The Croods**  
**\$21.1M** LW:2
4. **Jurassic Park 3D**  
**\$18.2M** NEW
5. **Olympus Has Fallen**  
**\$10M** LW:4
6. **Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor**  
**\$10M** LW:3
7. **Oz the Great and Powerful**  
**\$8.1M** LW:5
8. **The Host**  
**\$5.2M** LW:6
9. **The Call**  
**\$3.5M** LW:7
10. **Admission**  
**\$2M** LW:8

LW = LAST WEEKEND'S POSITION;  
STUDIO ESTIMATES FOR APRIL 5-7;  
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Philadelphians Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus traveled to Austria in 1939 and brought 50 Jewish children back with them to America.

## Crazy, but It Worked

'50 Children' chronicles a couple's valiant effort to save Jewish youths from the Nazis in 1939

### Television

**HBO 9:00** Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus of Philadelphia lived a comfortable life. He was a lawyer. She was a homemaker with a taste for fine things. They had two kids, ages 9 and 13. In 1939, they knew European Jews were suffering under the Nazi regime — and that Jews could get out if they could find a place to go in a world of restrictive immigration

policies. Gilbert hatched a plan to travel to Austria and bring 50 children back, using U.S. visas that had been issued but weren't used. "This is really crazy," Eleanor told her husband. They did it anyway. Once home, the couple rarely talked about their feat.

When Steven Pressman heard the story from his wife, Liz — granddaughter of the Krauses — he felt "it read like something somebody would make up." Drawing from an unpublished manuscript by Eleanor, he wrote, directed and produced the documentary "50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus," premiering at 9 p.m. today on HBO.



Director Steven Pressman, right, discovered the Krauses' story via their granddaughter — his wife, Liz Perle, left.

**You open with a re-creation: a woman polishing her nails.**

One of the rescued children said very forthrightly, I had never seen

somebody with red fingernails before. It was a surprising way to open a documentary about saving Jewish kids from Nazi Germany. And it tells you something about Eleanor Kraus.

**Americans knew "the curtain was coming down on European Jews and chose to turn away."**

— STEVEN PRESSMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE HBO DOCUMENTARY "50 CHILDREN"

**But there are some things you can't tell us about her.**

She really is an enigma. I have a good sense of what was motivating Gilbert: saving Jewish lives and that contrarian streak. He did not like to be told he couldn't do something. Eleanor went along with him, but I don't think going into Nazi Germany would have been her first choice of things to do.

**There was opposition to the plan — from Jews.**

This was a period of rampant anti-Semitism in this country. [Opponents of the plan] were worried it would be perceived as trying to get around immigration laws and would stir up more of an anti-Semitic backlash.

**What insights did you gain into America of the 1930s?**

A lot of us cling to the notion that most Americans didn't know what was going on in Nazi Germany at this early stage. They say, "If only we knew." Guess what? People knew. I've got reams and reams of [newspaper] articles, starting in 1933. They knew the curtain was coming down on European Jews and chose to turn away. MARC SILVER (FOR EXPRESS)



**Competitive Cuteness:** The rivalry on Super Bowl Sunday is already shaping up as a battle between puppies and kittens. Hallmark Channel will introduce an annual "Kitten Bowl" on Feb. 2, 2014. It's a three-hour showcase of feline agility. Cat contenders will be recruited from animal shelters; the American Humane Association will then find the orphans a home. "Kitten Bowl" will be vying for viewers with Animal Planet's "Puppy Bowl," which features its own "Kitty Half-Time Show." (AP)



# ahead

## Tax Season

New tax laws mean more new clients — and more pressure — for local accountants this month. **E8**



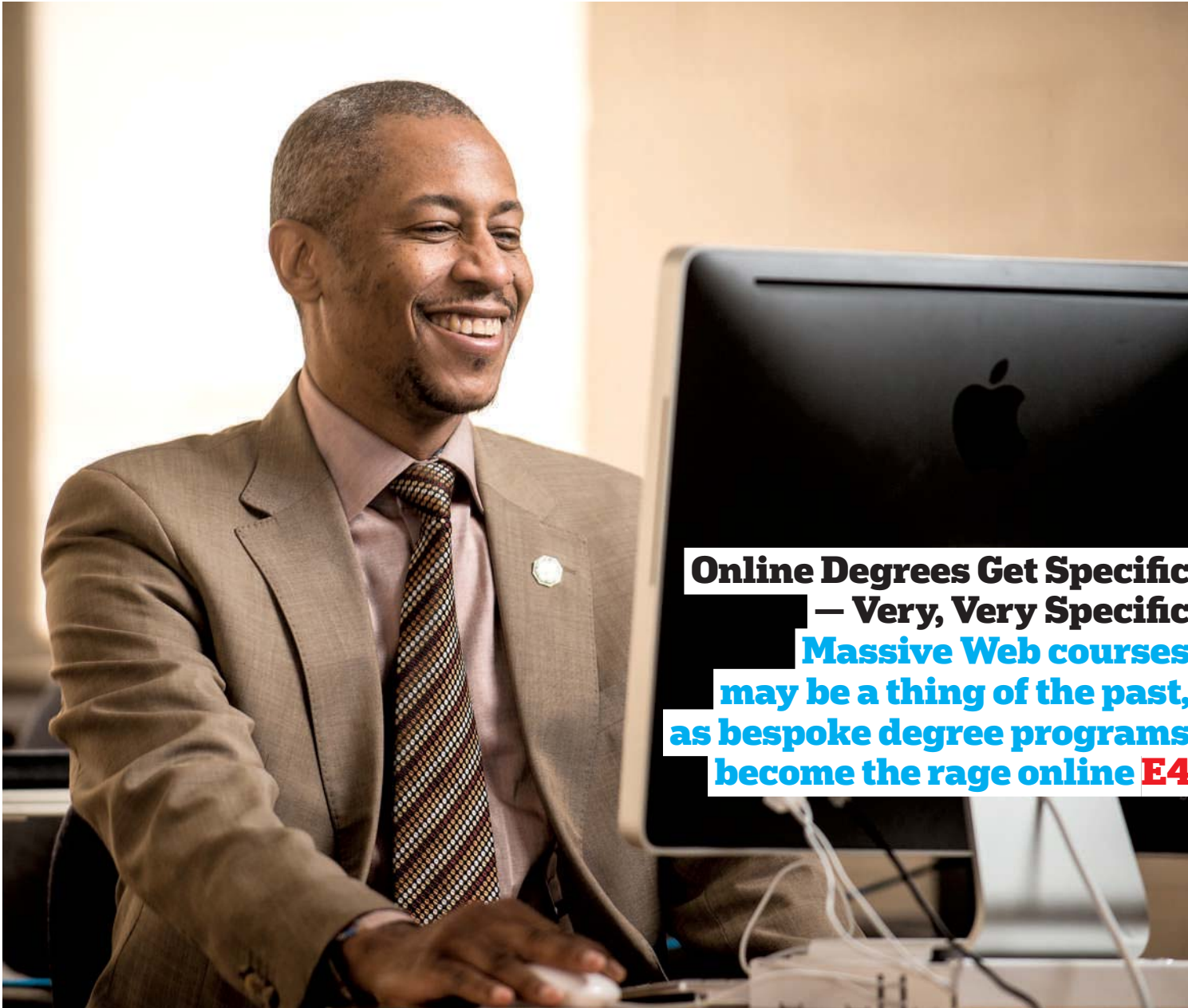
Someone could say, 'This is the way it's always been and there's nothing we can do about it.' That's something that I'm never comfortable accepting."

— JENNY BILFIELD,  
PRESIDENT OF THE  
WASHINGTON PERFORMING  
ARTS SOCIETY **PAGE E2**



## \$8.5M

The amount that Arlington-based Rosetta Stone paid to purchase Seattle-based Livemocha, an online community of language learners and teachers, the company said Tuesday. (CAPITAL BUSINESS)



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## Jenny Bilfield

President and chief executive of the Washington Performing Arts Society, a District-based nonprofit that presents artistic performances

**JENNY BILFIELD** began playing the piano by ear at age 3 and composing at age 10. At 24 years old, Bilfield created and ran an orchestra to perform new works. Now leading the Washington Performing Arts Society, she looks to increase the organization's visibility.

How have you grown most as a leader?



I was 24 years old at the National Orchestral Association. I felt self-conscious about being young and being the leader. I was as eager to make people happy as I was excited to have people to help support my vision. Over time, I've become a better listener and increasingly thoughtful in the way I make decisions. They can have a far-reaching effect.

**What is the most valuable business quality you bring to the arts space?**

An urgency of conviction and the ability to problem-solve flexibly. Someone could say, "This is the way it's always been and there's nothing we can do about it." That's something that I'm never comfortable accepting.

**You encountered some of that rigid thinking in your career. How did you handle it?**

At the music publisher Boosey & Hawkes, one of our famous composers had a 70th

**"I've become a better listener and increasingly thoughtful in the way I make decisions."**

birthday, and every major performing arts organization in New York wanted to do their own special celebration of his work. I tried to get all the organizations working together. I called Carnegie Hall, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Lincoln Center. People doubted that the organizations would come together. But I thought, "How great would it look to the arts world that three of the mega titans are collaborating around a single project." It sold out. We got huge press. It worked. For me, it all had seemed so obvious.

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ogy at Howard University who is  
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course (Executivemba.howard  
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Howard's online executive MBA  
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Ahaghotu, are in upper manage-  
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ly," Ahaghotu says. "We do a lot of  
video conferencing."

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An online platform for an American University program lets students see others.

# A Social Classroom

Online education used to mean  
studying at home all alone in your  
pajamas. But with improvements  
in technology, the gap between a  
traditional classroom and a virtual  
classroom is closing, education  
professionals say.

"When a student logs on to the  
platform, it looks similar to 'The  
Brady Bunch'; they will see all of  
the other students with them,"  
says Donovan Fox, a spokesman  
for 2U, the company powering  
the technology platform behind  
American University's new online  
Master in International Relations.

With the new technology,  
students can even "raise" their hand,  
Fox says. "It's supposed to mimic the  
exact experience a student would  
feel if they were on campus."

If a professor wants students to  
work in groups for a period during  
the class, social media features

enable that to happen, Fox says.

It's not just the software  
that creates a stronger sense of  
community, but what students  
do on their own time as well, says  
Kim Wells, director of executive  
education at Howard University.

Howard's online learning classes  
use Blackboard as a platform, but  
students also connect through  
Google Hangouts, Wells says.  
Interacting through the technology  
"just becomes a part of the fiber of  
what you are doing," he says.

This is not to say that technology  
is a perfect substitute for human  
interaction.

Shaka Hislop, a student in  
Howard University's online executive  
MBA program, says it would be  
helpful to have a professor at hand,  
especially when there is a difficult  
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right there to go to," he says. E.K.

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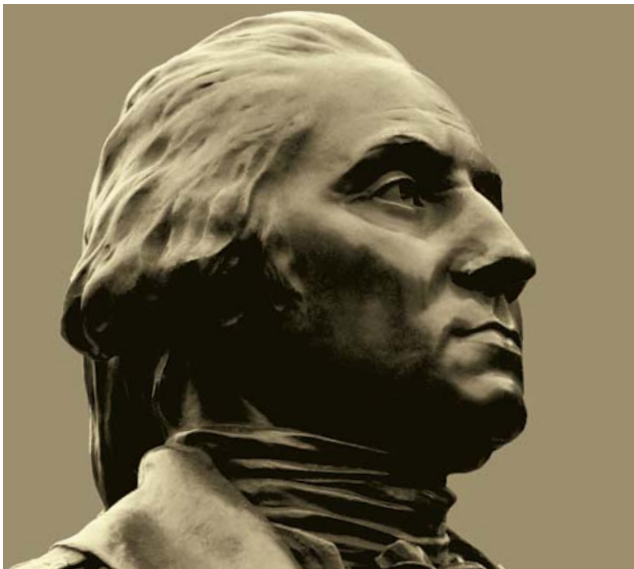
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### Online Degrees

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“What I have experienced is a new kind of relationship-building,” Ahaghotu says.

Other students feel the same.

“I still keep in touch with some of my classmates and run into them at conventions and workshops,” says Tom Opfer, 35, a vice principal at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax City. Opfer graduated in 2006 from Marymount’s licensure program that specializes in Catholic-school leadership. The degree

qualifies graduates for Virginia endorsement of administration and supervision in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Though they don’t have to sacrifice community, studying remotely also allows students to keep their full-time jobs.

“I’m at the stage of my life where a traditional brick-and-mortar classroom wouldn’t have fit into my schedule at all,” says Shaka Hislop, a student in Howard’s online executive MBA program. Hislop grew up in Trinidad, currently lives outside of Boston and used to play

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**“We communicate almost constantly. We do a lot of video conferencing. What I have experienced is a new kind of relationship-building.”**

— **CHILE AHAGHOTU**, AN ONLINE EXECUTIVE MBA STUDENT AT HOWARD

professional soccer in the English Premier League.

Now he's an ESPN commentator with an erratic schedule that wouldn't be compatible with a traditional education.

Allowing professionals to keep their jobs while advancing their education is key, Berman says.

Prospective students “want to be able to get an education as they continue progressing in their career,” Berman says. It's “crazy to ask that person to sacrifice their current job in order to get those skills.” **ELIZA KRIGMAN (FOR EXPRESS)**

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# An Embarrassment of Taxes

April 15

Kim Bey is busy.

Bey, who owns a tax firm in downtown Washington, says tax-related business has more than doubled so far this year, thanks to a wave of new tax laws that took effect in early January. “I’ve never

had so many people coming in asking for help,” Bey says.

On Jan. 2, payroll tax rates for most Americans went up as part of the “fiscal cliff” deal that President Barack Obama signed into law.

Those changes, coupled with the fact that the IRS did not begin accepting tax returns until Jan. 30,

means that local accountants have been scrambling to file a higher-than-usual load of tax returns by the April 15 deadline.

Many local accountants say the number of first-time individual clients appears to be on the rise, a reflection perhaps of the improving economy.

Social media is also playing a role. “I’ve got way more new clients than I did last year, and a lot of new clients who say they found me on Yelp,” says Jay Reiner, a certified public accountant, adding that, in the past, most of his clients came from word-of-mouth referrals.

“Now what I’m working on is:

## Hiring Help

Nearly half of all Americans are planning to hire an accountant to prepare their tax returns this year, according to Accounting Principals, a recruitment firm. (TWP)

How do I keep this momentum going for the rest of the year, once we’re out of tax season?” Reiner says. ABHA BHATTARAIN (CAPITAL BUSINESS)



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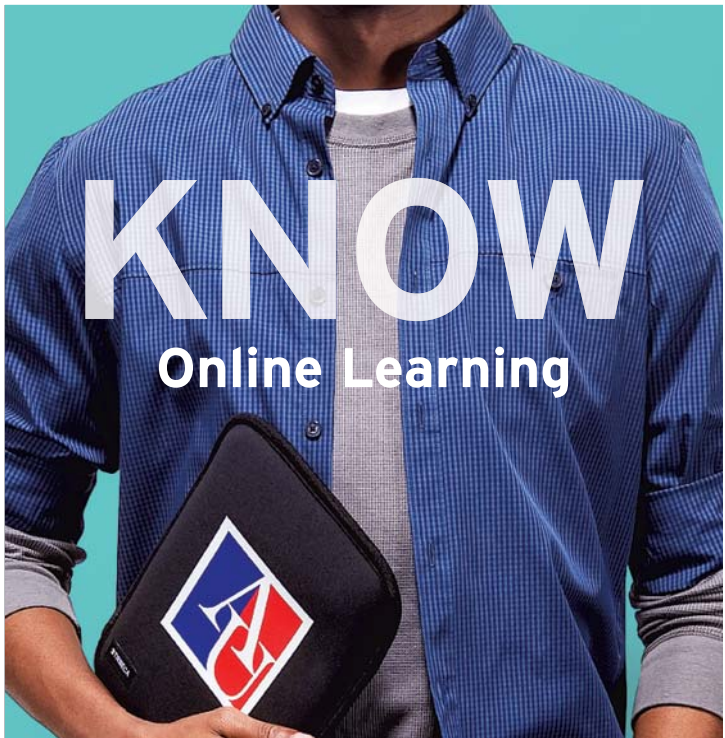
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# Little Goes a Long Way

Three acclaimed female novelists keep the short story vital with fresh collections

## Books

At colleges in the days before the smartphone — heck, before the cell-phone — short stories were held up as the highest form of prose. Professors assigned Ernest Hemingway, John Cheever, Flannery O'Connor and Raymond Carver. Today, aside from books by Alice Munro and a few stalwarts, the number of new collections has shrunk to a trickle — despite our famously fragmented attention spans and new digital formats that, one would think, favor shorter works.

But if people aren't reading them as much anymore, authors are still writing them — and writing them darned well, if three new collections by acclaimed female novelists are anything to go by.

PEN/Hemingway award winner Jennifer Haigh's outstanding "News From Heaven" fits quite comfortably in the company of the hybrid novel-in-stories made so popular by predecessors such as Jhumpa Lahiri's "Interpreter of Maladies." Haigh returns to fictional Baker-ton, Pa., the site of her "Baker Town-



From left: Novelists Sarah Hall, Jessica Francis Kane and Jennifer Haigh are keeping the short-story genre thriving.



From left: "The Beautiful Indifference" by Sarah Hall (\$14.99, Harper Perennial); "This Close" by Jessica Francis Kane (\$15, Graywolf); "News from Heaven" by Jennifer Haigh (\$25.99, Harper).

ers," to exceptional effect. The Baker 11 mine has failed, throwing 900 miners out of work. While the men flounder, the women keep making roast beef for dinner and canning tomatoes and going about their daily business. For Haigh, this small town is a large canvas, one filled in with precise, poignant strokes.

Sarah Hall can write a breath-

taking sentence. The multiple prizewinner's "The Beautiful Indifference" is full of exquisite prose while brutality lurks in the wings. In the standout opening story, "Butcher's Perfume," a quiet girl is befriended by the school bully and the bully's wild, horse-mad family. Not all the stories are up to the level of that one, but there are two other memo-

rable standouts, both involving couples on vacation (one in an African country, one in Finland).

In her collection "This Close," Jessica Francis Kane gives us both chains of linked stories and standalone tales. The most memorable of the independent stories are "The Essentials of Acceleration," in which a middle-aged woman who still lives at home is annoyed by the fact that her neighbors persist in finding her 91-year-old father charming, and "Next in Line," in which a grieving mother haunts the CVS where a stranger once criticized her parenting. Quiet and clear, Kane's stories eschew the flashy for the profound.

YVONNE ZIPP (THE WASHINGTON POST)



## Talent Obscured By Vitriol

### Album Review

Before you listen to Tyler, the Creator's third album, "Wolf," keep this in mind: The rapper lives to offend.

Tyler continues to rap with no filter, but in trying to be overly brash, he ends up detracting from what's otherwise a solid record.

When the 22-year-old isn't dropping F-bombs, he often reflects on his childhood and his ascension from being a "dweeb" to becoming famous — like on "Pig." That's when he's most compelling.

Despite his use of homophobic slurs, he and Frank Ocean team up twice here, and they're a good pair.

On "Wolf," Tyler proves he's a talented lyricist — assuming you don't mind the harsh words.

JONATHAN LANDRUM JR. (AP)

## Today's Top Stops

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### 1 Flock Together

The Black Crowes still exist, despite a revolving door of guitarists and frequent periods of inactivity. After a hiatus that began in 2010, the Atlanta-bred Southern rockers (led by Chris Robinson, left) returned to the stage last month, with new guitarist Jackie Greene. Early reports peg the band as reenergized, so fans should be in for two marathon shows. **9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; today & Tue., 7 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)**

### 2 Distractions From the NOW

The present is already way passé at "NEXT at the Corcoran," the annual showcase of work by graduates of the Corcoran College of Art and Design. In addition to the gallery exhibition of art of any and all media, get behind the process by meeting students and observing thesis presentations at events open to the public during the show's run. **Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; through May 19, free; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org. (Farragut West)**

### 3 Remembrance Day

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue will host a conversation between Holocaust researcher Father Patrick Desbois and author Jonathan Safran Foer, left, whose "Everything Is Illuminated" focuses on Ukraine during the Nazi regime. **Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; today, 7 p.m., \$9; 202-408-3100, Sixthandi.org. (Gallery Place)**



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# lookout TV tonight

## The Family Business

J.R.'s son, John Ross, is taking over as the big baddie on 'Dallas'

### Drama

**TNT 8:00** When Larry Hagman died of cancer last November, TNT's "Dallas" reboot was put to the test over how to write his character out of the show.

Hagman's final episode ended

with conniving Texas oilman J.R. Ewing talking on the phone to his son, John Ross, and the sound of gunfire echoing — reminiscent of the "Who Shot J.R.?" cliffhanger in the original CBS series.

Now the show is embroiled in a murder mystery to find out who killed J.R.

Josh Henderson, who plays John Ross, says it was strange, at first, to be on the set without Hagman.

"Not having him anymore, it's



J.R.'s son, John Ross (Josh Henderson), is now the baddest bad guy on "Dallas."

just very different, and we miss him," Henderson says.

The 31-year-old actor says he's ready to be the main villain on "Dallas," now in its second season on TNT. The reboot has pitted cousins John Ross and Christopher (played by Jesse Metcalfe) in a battle for control of Ewing Energies.

"We've been doing this for going on two years, and I feel like I ... now completely understand the ups and the downs of John Ross and J.R.'s relationship," Henderson says. "I think people trust me enough now ... to at least carry on the torch a little bit for the Ewings." ALICIA RANCILIO (AP)



### Drama

#### You Had a Bad Day

On "Revolution (10 p.m., NBC), Neville (Giancarlo Esposito, above) struggles with dangerous situations and difficult choices. First, Monroe calls his loyalty into question, then he disowns his own son. To make matters worse, Neville ends up getting captured by Miles. Elsewhere, Rachel goes on a quest for redemption. (TM)

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# unions **lookout**

## Michael Monasterio, Denise Sena

Michael, 38, is a communications systems specialist. Denise, 30, works for a real estate trade association. They live in Fairfax.

**THE MAIN EVENT:** They are getting married April 13 in Santa Fe, N.M.

**HOW THEY MET:** eHarmony.

**FIRST DATE:** It was supposed to be just coffee. After they realized they'd spent two hours at Caribou, they decided to get dinner, too.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** "I was having a bad day and he asked me to do him



BIRDS OF A FEATHER PHOTOGRAPHY

a favor. I thought he was going to ask me to iron a shirt." Instead, he pulled out the ring and asked if she would help him get it resized.

**THEIR SONG:** "Honey Bee" by Blake Shelton, because "every time I left his place to drive home, it was on the radio."

**MOST STUPID FIGHT:** "I tried to make her bed for her one day. I guess I put the sheet and comforter [on] wrong, because when she saw it, she pulled the covers off the bed and said, 'Forget it!'"

**PET NAMES:** She calls him "honey bee" because of their song. He calls her "ranga," because his Australian cousins use that nickname for redheads (it's short for "orang-utan").



## Fred Joiner, Melanie Spence

Fred, 37, is getting his MFA in creative writing. Melanie, 33, works for a public health NGO. They live in D.C.

**THE MAIN EVENT:** A June 8 ceremony at their church in Southwest. Their reception will take place on a charter boat on the river.

**HOW THEY MET:** At a work happy hour. "I noticed some dudes checking her out, but I told her, 'I'm cuter than they are.' I had her number by the end of the night."

**FIRST DATE:** They saw "Radio Golf" at Studio Theatre and then got dinner and dessert at Kramerbooks & Afterwords.

**FIRST KISS:** In his car after their third date. "I was stunned to silence because she totally caught me off my game, but on the inside, I was like, 'Yes!'"

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** In bed, right before she fell asleep.

**MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM:** Her reindeer pajama pants.

**PET NAMES:** "In the beginning, I called him 'sugar muffin.'"

## Keyona Ham, Jevon Hargett

Keyona, 33, is a budget analyst for a government contractor, a singer and a Zumba instructor. Jevon, 37, is a sous-chef. They live in Suitland, Md.

**THE MAIN EVENT:** They'll wed April 20 in Jamaica.

**HOW THEY MET:** At a house party. Keyona was singing.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** "I turned to my cousin and told him I would have her number by the end of the night." "I thought, 'OK, here's another dude,'" Keyona says.

**FIRST DATE:** She visited him at work. He gave her a meal on the house, and she stayed until his shift ended.

**FIRST KISS:** After the fourth date and a long conversation about what they each wanted out of a relationship, when a Mint Condition song came on the radio. "I asked if I could



have a kiss and she gave me one," Jevon says.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** With the very last present on Christmas Day.

"Even though I suspected he would propose, I still did the ugly cry."

**WEDDING JITTERS:** "I hope Jevon doesn't get too much of a sunburn the first three days in Jamaica because he'll be beet-red in all the pictures."

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“Psyched for season premiere of *#MadMen*. Not even 9 am and I’m already on my 3rd whiskey.”

—@ERICSTANGEL got things started early Sunday in preparation for the Season 6 premiere of the AMC show starring Jon Hamm.

“Remember planking and owling? Those memes are long gone. The newest craze is Hadokening!”

—JESSICA CZECK AT VISUALNEWS.COM loves the trend that involves people imitating the move from the old “Street Fighter” video game.

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“#AskMumford Are you anything more than The Soggy Bottom Boys from ‘O Brother, Where Art Thou’ with a trust fund?”

—@TOMMORTON makes a comparison between the English folk rock band and the fictional group from the 2000 Coen brothers movie.

Blog  
Log

“Melissa McCarthy is crushing SNL. One of the best monologues I’ve ever seen.”

—@TOURE thought McCarthy’s performance as host on NBC’s “Saturday Night Live” was tremendous.

“The haplessness of Channel 9 management is amplified because they cut away to [begin] TWO HOURS of pre-game coverage on Final Four. Not even a game. Very, very dumb.”

—COMMENTER MERITORIOUS-MASOMENOS AT WASHINGTONPOST.COM/LOCAL thought WUSA made a bad decision when it cut away from the Nationals/Reds game at 4 p.m. Saturday to air NCAA men’s basketball tournament coverage. The Nationals won 7-6 in 11 innings. The station apologized for the decision later that day in a statement.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) A younger family member demonstrates to you a new way of looking at things, and the benefits could be very far-reaching.

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**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't try to force things into a framework of your own design; let things develop organically, and adjust your own tactics accordingly.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Think twice before following someone too closely; there are dangers ahead of which you may not be aware at first.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are headed in a new and different direction, and you'll clearly have a different agenda from anyone around you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You needn't try to keep score today; focus on what you have to get done, and not on what anyone else is doing — or not doing.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You must be patient with those who do not yet understand what it is you are trying to accomplish. There will be time to explain.

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I<sub>1</sub>

O<sub>1</sub>

U<sub>1</sub>

G<sub>2</sub>

N<sub>1</sub>

N<sub>1</sub>

D<sub>2</sub>

A<sub>1</sub>

E<sub>1</sub>

I<sub>1</sub>

V<sub>4</sub>

L<sub>1</sub>

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O<sub>1</sub>

G<sub>2</sub>

M<sub>3</sub>

R<sub>1</sub>

B<sub>3</sub>

RACK 1

RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

1st Letter Triple

Double Word Score

Friday's Solution

U <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>3</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>5</sub>	RACK 1 =	68
W <sub>4</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	W <sub>4</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	RACK 2 =	98
R <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	L <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	RACK 3 =	60
A <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>3</sub>	RACK 4 =	61
PAR SCORE 200-210								TOTAL
								287

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		5	7	2			3
	3	8		6	5	9	7
	7	2		3		4	
	8	4	3		6		1
				5			
5	2		9		8	7	3
		9		4		3	8
8		3	2	9		1	4
2				8	3	5	

Friday's Solution

3	1	2	9	5	7	4	6	8
7	4	9	3	6	8	5	1	2
5	8	6	2	1	4	9	7	3
8	7	1	4	3	9	6	2	5
6	2	5	7	8	1	3	4	9
9	3	4	6	2	5	1	8	7
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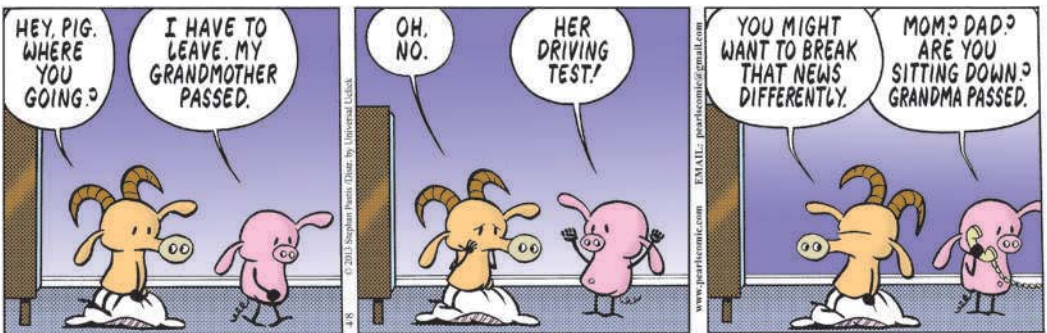
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**81** | **62**

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny and warm tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

**WED** **81** | **64**

**THU** **81** | **56**

**FRI** **66** | **44**

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Sunset today: 7:38 p.m.	Record high: 94
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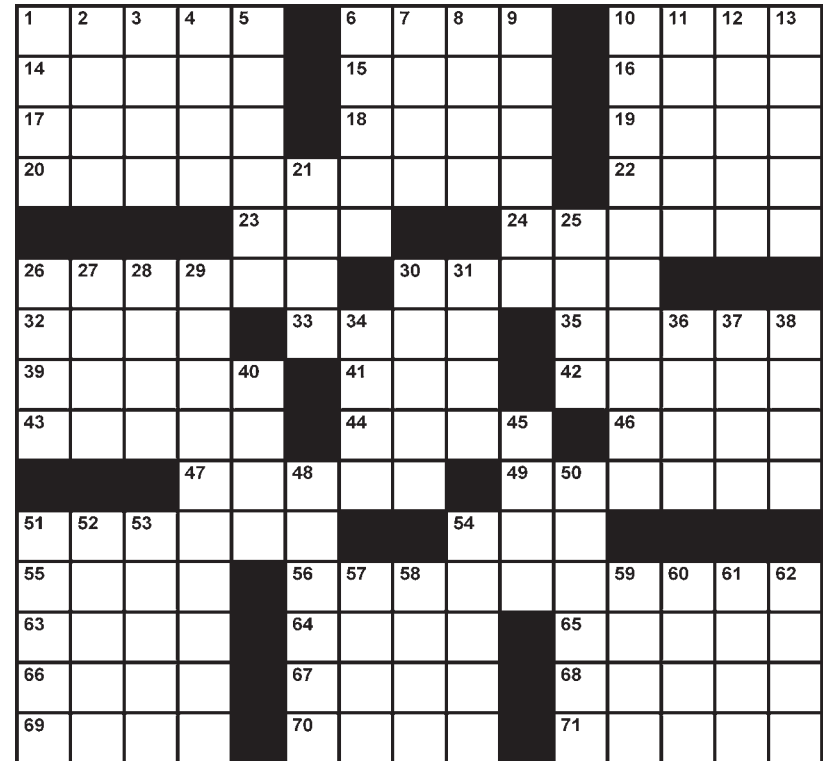
AN OLD SEED

### ACROSS

- 1 Dogtrot and canter, for two
- 6 Home for la familia
- 10 Potential Guinness entry
- 14 Approximating word
- 15 Before much longer, poetically
- 16 Margarita garnish
- 17 "Violet" or "sound" introduction
- 18 Wonk
- 19 Shark stimulus
- 20 Gardener's device
- 22 Cysts
- 23 More common name for caustic soda
- 24 Issue
- 26 Juicy tidbit
- 30 Seedsman
- 32 Touched the tarmac
- 33 Geraint's better half
- 35 Bowler's challenge
- 39 Violin's predecessor
- 41 Sash for Madame Butterfly
- 42 Master of march music
- 43 Jerry and George's TV buddy
- 44 Match up
- 46 Vacation idea
- 47 Potter's apparatus
- 49 Be unable to let go
- 51 Territory
- 54 Large Australian bird
- 55 Fortune-teller's sign
- 56 Rummage
- 63 Move merchandise
- 64 Egyptian symbol of eternal life
- 65 Hawaiian island or porch
- 66 Great Lake name
- 67 Free from contaminants
- 68 Rose petal oil
- 69 One who tints fabrics
- 70 Bygone despot
- 71 Landline or mobile

### DOWN

- 1 Caesar's France
- 2 Empowered
- 3 Very small quantity
- 4 Gang territory



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- 5 Groom's place
- 6 Pond glider
- 7 From the beginning again
- 8 Sight for \_\_\_ eyes
- 9 First name of two U.S. presidents
- 10 Some sill decorators
- 11 Duck with soft down
- 12 "You're \_\_\_ friends"
- 13 Quick and to the point
- 21 Lovett or Waggoner
- 25 Untidy state
- 26 French grape-skin brandy
- 27 Fat in a pat that spreads
- 28 Umbrella spokes
- 29 Watch that runs without batteries
- 30 Delphic figure

- 31 The Valkyries answered to him
- 34 Wine bouquet
- 36 Angler's decoy
- 37 Goddess symbolized by a cow
- 38 It's played nightly on base
- 40 Pacific Coast salmon
- 45 State of unconsciousness
- 48 Completely absorbed
- 50 Potato sack cloth
- 51 Wandered about
- 52 Board of manicurists
- 53 Barbara Eden played one
- 54 Standard anesthetic, once

- 57 Weight of obligation
- 58 Gumbo need
- 59 It precedes much testimony
- 60 Do \_\_\_ others as ...
- 61 Indian restaurant bread
- 62 Urgently desperate

### Friday's Solution



## TODAY IN HISTORY

### 1820

The Venus de Milo statue is discovered by a farmer on the Greek island of Milos.

### 1935

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provides money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

### 1994

Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for Nirvana, is found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

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**AGE****'Screw the Medical Community. I'm a Star'**

Halle Berry is pregnant at age 46. A representative for the actress confirms that Berry and her fiancé, Olivier Martinez, are expecting their first child together. The rep offered no other details. Berry and Martinez announced their engagement last year. Berry has a 5-year-old daughter with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry. This is the first child for Martinez. (AP)

**FEMINISM****Best Write a Controversial Book/Article/Blog About It**

Drew Barrymore told reporters at a conference that she can't have it all, *People.com* reported. "It sucks when you've worked really hard for certain things and you have to give them up," she said. "I can't direct right now because I would miss out on my daughter. It was heartbreaking to let it go, but it was a clear choice." Her daughter, Olive, is 6 months old. (EXPRESS)



Drew is a future writer for the Atlantic.

**Punished****So THAT'S Where His Career Went**

Wesley Snipes has been released from a federal prison in Pennsylvania. Snipes was convicted in 2008 on tax charges. He entered the McKean prison in December 2010 to begin a three-year sentence for failure to file income tax returns. He was released Tuesday and placed under home confinement until July 19. (AP)



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"I'll put my hand here to make it clear I'm pregnant. OK, more clear."

**TOO SOON****4-Week-Old Baby Will Be Ring Bearer**

Jessica Simpson and fiancé Eric Johnson have set a date for their wedding, *Radaronline.com* reported. An unnamed source told Radar that the couple plan to marry one month after Simpson gives birth to their second child, a boy, this summer. They canceled their prior wedding date when Simpson became pregnant the second time. The source said the pair plan a low-key ceremony in Hawaii. (EXPRESS)

**LIES OF OMISSION****Surely He Wasn't THE First to Hit It**

Ray J, the other star of Kim Kardashian's sex tape, is releasing a song titled "I Hit It First," *TMZ.com* reported. Behold, some lyrics: "She might move on to rappers and ballplayers/ But we all know I hit it first" and "No matter where she goes or who she knows/ She still belongs in my bed." Other lyrics are unprintable in a family newspaper. (EXPRESS)

**"I said, 'You know, this isn't so bad for 40, right?' And [my friend] goes, 'It's not so bad for a 22-year-old stripper!'"**



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